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YEE AND WIGGINS EXTEND TAXPAYER SERVICE IN EUREKA

Board of Equalization (BOE) Chairwoman Betty T. Yee and State Senator Patricia Wiggins (D-Santa Rosa) today announced an agreement allowing the BOE to continue personally assisting taxpayers in the Eureka region.

Taxpayers will be able to visit Senator Wiggins' office several days a month to find help from BOE staff. Taxpayers can drop off payments or get help with sales and use tax returns and permit applications. Though part-time, the arrangement will accommodate any in-person activity necessary for taxpayer assistance.

"We're working to maintain a supportive presence in Eureka that gives North Coast businesses a little extra help during filing season," said Chairwoman Yee.

Facing budget constraints, the BOE was forced to close a Eureka location in June 2005. Former Senator Wesley Chesbro made a similar arrangement with BOE to serve the Eureka region. He was succeeded by Senator Wiggins in December 2006.

"I am happy to partner with the BOE to continue to offer this assistance at the local level," Senator Wiggins said. "Our businesses play an important role in the funding of essential services that people rely on every day, and I think it is only fair for us to provide this help to them right here at home."

Senator Wiggins' Eureka office is located at 710 E Street, Suite 150. A complete list of service dates and hours can be found online at [the Board's website](http://www.boe.ca.gov) (or on page 2 of this release). The BOE maintains 14 district offices throughout the state. The Santa Rosa District Office serves the Eureka area.

Taxpayers can also conduct business with the BOE online at www.boe.ca.gov, by mail, or its toll-free number at 800-400-7115.

Chairwoman Betty T. Yee was elected to her post in November 2006. Her district includes many of California's coastal counties, from Del Norte to Santa Barbara, and includes the entire San Francisco Bay Area.

The five-member Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board collects nearly \$53 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

Schedule of hours for Board of Equalization staff assistance at 710 E Street, Suite 150, Eureka.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
02/27/07	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
02/28/07	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
03/29/07	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
03/30/07	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
04/30/07	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
05/30/07	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
05/31/07	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
06/28/07	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
06/29/07	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
07/30/07	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
07/31/07	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
08/30/07	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
08/31/07	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
09/27/07	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
09/28/07	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
10/30/07	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
10/31/07	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
11/29/07	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
11/30/07	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.